

majority vote based on its determination as to whether the project will sufficiently help enable the state to accomplish the purposes of the Quality Jobs Act. And then it says, the board shall be governed by and shall take into consideration, take into consideration all the following factors in making its determination. Then you go down to number (d), and it says, whether the board believes the project would occur in this state regardless of whether the application was occurred..was approved, excuse me. Doesn't have to do anything with it. It's just...it's stuck in there for purposes of saying, well, you can look at that folks. It is not...there is nothing in there that says, shall take into consideration, doesn't say it weighs in your decision, you shall consider it. Okay, you consider it, what does that mean? It's also fourth out of four measures to be looked at, whether the board believes. Well, that's...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...as subjective as you can get in terms of deciding whether it's a factor that comes into play. The cost-benefit analysis is an honest approach to these types of programs, it's a very businesslike approach to investments, it's one that a Micron Company itself would do. If you believe...if you believe the argument that in order for us to be able to compete for Micron we have to have this...these kinds of measures in law, then what Micron is doing themselves in analyzing the three finalist states is they're doing a cost-benefit analysis, that's what they're about right now. And we are saying we're going to develop a program to help those individuals, but we are not going to have a cost-benefit analysis as a component part of that. We are letting the taxpayers down in this state if we adopt the Brashear amendment in terms of letting them know how their money is being spent. I again rise in opposition to the Brashear amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Withem. Senator Withem. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. I agree with Senator Hall, I agree with Senator Warner, I agree that we have to stay with the language that's currently in the bill. And I thought, you know, Senator Kristensen was talking about how he doesn't analyze cost-benefit ratios, and he and I have had a difference of opinion on this before. But cost-benefit concepts are exactly where I think government is moving to more and more these days.